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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003, setting a three-month term for reply.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the period for the reply be extended by three months, *i.e.*, to up to and including February 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fee for the extension, or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.